



Problem Set #1

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Problem(1)

In an experiment A, B, C and D are events with probabilities 0.2, 0.35, 0.625 and 0.375, respectively. A and B are disjoint while C and D are independent.

Find:

1. $P[A \cap B]$, $P[A \cup B]$, $P[A \cap B^C]$ and $P[A \cup B^C]$
2. Are A and B independent?
3. $P[C \cap D]$, $P[C \cap D^C]$ and $P[C^C \cap D^C]$
4. Are C^C and D^C independent?

Problem(2)

Prove that:

$$P[A \cup B \cup C] = P[A] + P[B] + P[C] - P[A \cap B] - P[A \cap C] - P[B \cap C] + P[A \cap B \cap C]$$

Problem(3)

A box contains 7 red, 3 white balls. If a ball is drawn from the box a ball of the other color is then put into the box.

- (a) Find the probability that the second ball is red?
- (b) If both balls were of the same color what is the probability that they were both white?

Problem(4)

Find $P[B/A]$ if:

- (a) A is subset of B?
- (b) A and B are mutually exclusive?

Problem(5)

In a certain college 25% of students failed in math, 15% failed in chemistry, 10% failed in both. A student is selected randomly.

- (a) If he failed in chemistry what is the probability that he failed in math?
- (b) If he failed in math what is the probability that he failed in chemistry?
- (c) Find probability that he failed in chemistry or math?

Problem(6)

Suppose that X and Y are events and $P[X]=0.4$, $P[Y]=0.6$, find $P[X|Y]$ in the following cases:

- (a) X and Y are independent.
- (b) X and Y are mutually exclusive.
- (c) X is subset of Y
- (d) Y is subset of X

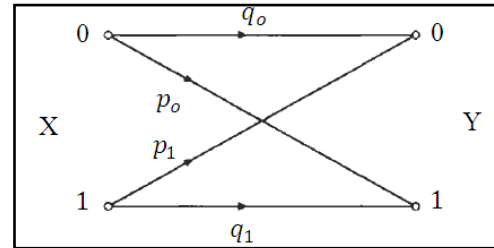
Problem(7)

Consider the binary communication channel shown in Fig. The channel input symbol X may assume the state 0 or the state 1, and, similarly, the channel output symbol Y may assume either the state 0 or the state 1. Because of the channel noise, an input 0 may convert to an output 1 and vice versa. The channel is characterized by the channel transition probabilities p_o, q_o, p_1 and q_1 defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} p_o &= P(y_1/x_o) & \text{and} & & p_1 &= P(y_o/x_1) \\ q_o &= P(y_o/x_o) & \text{and} & & q_1 &= P(y_1/x_1) \end{aligned}$$

where x_o and x_1 denote the events ($X = 0$) and ($X = 1$), respectively, and y_o and y_1 denote the events ($Y = 0$) and ($Y = 1$), respectively.

Note that $p_o + q_o = 1$, $p_1 + q_1 = 1$
Let $P(x_o) = 0.5$, $p_o = 0.1$, and $p_1 = 0.2$



- (a) Find $P(y_o)$ and $P(y_1)$
- (b) If a 0 was observed at the output, what is the probability that a 0 was the input state?
- (c) If a 1 was observed at the output, what is the probability that a 1 was the input state?
- (d) Calculate the probability of error P_e .